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SUBJECT: LOS INTERCESSIONAL MEETING ON COMMITTEE I AND OTHER
LOS SUBJECTS

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1. MEA LEGAL ADVISOR AND CHIEF LOS ADVISOR DR. JAGOTA TOLD
POLCOUNSELOR JAN 11 THAT WHILE HE WAS INCLINED TO AGREE TO ATTEND
EVENSEN MEETING IN GENEVA, HE HAD NOT YET CONFIRMED THIS WITH
MINISTER. JAGOTA SAID HE HAD EARLIER SUGGESTED TO EVENSEN THAT
MEETING SUCH AS THAT BEING PLANNED BE DELAYED UNTIL MID-MARCH
IN ORDER TO ALLOW GROUP-77 TO COMPLETE DISCUSSIONS ON EW
PROPOSALS RELATING TO COMMITTEE I. JAGOTA SAID HE PLANS COMPLETE
DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION WITH GROUP-77 REPRESENTATIVES BY END OF
JANUARY AND WILL THEN ENGAGE IN INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSIONS WITH
SUB-GROUP FROM GROUP-77 IN EFFORT TO ARRIVE AT AGREED POSITIONS.
HE SAID HE HOPED THAT NEW PROPOSAL WOULD GO CONSIDERABLE WAY
TOWARD MEETING WHAT HE BELIEVES ARE CONCERNS OF U.S. AND OTHER
WESTERN EUROPEAN STATES ON COMMITTEE I ISSUES, BUT EMPHASIZES
NEED TO CONSIDER NOT ONLY ACCESS SYSTEM BUT CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS
AND FINANCING FOR THE SYSTEM.
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2. JAGOTA THROUGHOUT DISCUSSION URGED NEED FOR U.S. TO MAINTAIN
SUFFICIENTLY FLEXIBLE POSITION TO ENABLE IT TO NEGOTIATE
WITH GROUP-77 AND HOPED THAT U.S. DELEGATE WOULD BE PREPARED TO
PUT FORWARD PROPOSALS WITH NEW ELEMENTS TO HELP IN MOVING
CURRENT DEADLOCK FORWARD.

3. POLCOUNSELOR ASKED JAGOTA WHETHER GOI TURNDOWN OF OCEANOGRAPHIC CRUISE SHIP ACTIVITY (REF B) DID NOT CAST SHADOW ON GOI PROFESSION THAT CONSENT REGIME FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WOULD WORK SATISFACTORILY IN LOS TREATY. JAGOTA SAID THAT CURRENT SYSTEM WAS "TRANSITIONAL" AND USG SHOULD NOT SEE TURNDOWN OF SPECIFIC CASE OF R/V ATLANTIS II AS REFLECTING GOI UNWILLINGNESS TO SEE U.S. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH CONDUCTED OFF INDIAN SHORES. JAGOTA SAID THAT HE SAW CONSENT REGIME UNDER LOS TREATY AS UMBRELLA, UNDER WHICH SPECIFIC INDO-US BILATERAL AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED WHICH WOULD SPELL OUT THAT APPROVAL FOR RESEARCH WOULD NORMALLY BE GRANTED, PROVIDING THAT SPECIFIC CONDITIONS RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH PROJECTS WERE MET. HE EMPHASIZED SUBSTANTIAL PRO-US CONSTITUENCY EXISTED IN INDIAN SCIENTIFIC CIRCLES AND THAT THERE WERE STRONG REASONS FOR GOI INTEREST IN AGREEING TO JOINT COOPERATION IN MARINE RESEARCH. (SCI COUNSELOR WAS SEPARATELY INFORMED BY SENIOR INDIAN DEPT. SCI AND TECH OFFICIAL THAT ATLANTIS II PROJECT HAD BEEN CLEARED ON TECHNICAL GROUNDS BY DOST.)

4. COMMENT: AS USUAL, JAGOTA WAS EXTREMELY REASONABLE AND FRIENDLY IN THIS INFORMAL DISCUSSION, EMPHASIZING HIS INTEREST AND THAT OF GOI IN WORKING WITH U.S. DELEGATION IN REACHING AGREEMENT AT LOS CONFERENCE. HE SAID THE DELAY BETWEEN THE 1976 SESSION AND THE MAY 1977 SESSION HAD BEEN VERY HELPFUL FOR THE GOI IN WORKING OUT ITS OWN POSITIONS MORE CAREFULLY AND THOUGHTFULLY ON UNRESOLVED ISSUES, AND NOTED THAT EXCEPT FOR U.S. AND POSSIBLY USSR, MOST OTHER COUNTRIES (INCLUDING INDIA) IN LOS CONFERENCE HAD NOT HAD TIME TO RESOLVE DOMESTIC BUREAUCRATIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS LEFT OUTSTANDING AT SPRING 1976
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LOS SESSION BEFORE SUMMER SESSION HAD ARRIVED. HE REPEATEDLY SUGGESTED THAT HE THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY IN GROUP-77 POSITIONS IN FORTHCOMING SESSION AND HOPED FOR THE SAME FROM U.S. SIDE
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